

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of McFarland water system Has levels of 1,2,3-TCP Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The standard for 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) is equivalent to **0.005 ug/L** (micrograms per liter). **Testing results from January, February, March, 2023** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP). **The average level of 1,2,3-TCP over the last 3 months was 0.037 ug/L.**

What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.**
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

TCP is a manmade chemical. The TCP contamination in our wells is believed to have come from soil fumigants. Soil fumigants in use today no longer contain TCP. TCP has been detected in some of the groundwater supplies in the central valley. Protecting our customers' health and safety is our highest priority, and we had been actively monitoring our groundwater supplies and designing potential treatment methods, so that we could more quickly and efficiently meet the new MCL set.

We anticipate resolving the problem by July 31, 2023 and return to compliance.

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Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by City of McFarland in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.